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1. Austro-Hungarian trade talks held in Vienna from 20 to 24 April 1953 on the initiative of the Hungarians produced no concrete results. The ban on payments to exporters to Hungary initiated by the Austrian National Bank remains in force.
2. Hungarian representatives at the talks were Chairman Andras Lukacs, Sandor Smidrocki, Geza Teglas and Zoltan Simor. Lukacs was the only person to make other than purely perfunctory remarks. The Hungarian attitude, in general, was spiritless and the Hungarian representatives contented themselves with noting Austrian wishes and suggestions. Apparently Hungary has neither agricultural nor manufactured goods to deliver.
3. Austria proposed that Hungary might be able to deliver such items as sugar, rice and oil-seed or cakes. The Hungarians promised to study the possibility of delivering these commodities.

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